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PRECURSORS FROM AUSTRIAN COMPANY (S)

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Classified By: Economic Unit Chief Phillip R. Nelson for reasons 1.4 (b), (c), (d), and (h).

(S) On May 25, Econ Unit Chief delivered reftel talking points to Helmut Krehlik, Head of the Ministry of Economy's Export and Import Control Division. Krehlik said that there is only one firm in Austria, located in Krems, which produces Australia Group-controlled precursor chemicals. Krehlik verified that Interchem Austria is a trading company, not a producer of chemicals. According to Krehlik's records, Interchem last applied for and received export licenses in 2001 to ship chemicals to Serbia. Krehlik promised to investigate further with the company. McCaw